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Allocation for Mitigating Air Pollution
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated towards Hazardous Substances Management (HSM), Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and National Green Tribunal (NGT) during the last three years and the current year;
(b) whether the budgetary allocation towards HSM, CPCB and NGT and other agencies/bodies has been reduced despite poor ambient air quality in the country and if so, the reasons therefor;
(c) whether there has been an increase in the number of deaths due to PM 2.5 and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the measures taken by the Government to improve the infrastructure to check pollution including data collection on pollution levels in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a)&(b) Allocation of funds to Hazardous Substances Management (HSM) Division, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and National Green Tribunal (NGT) during the last three years and the current year is annexed. As can be seen, the funds allocated have not been reduced.

(c) There is no rigorous scientific study available to correlate increase in number of deaths due to PM 2.5.

(d) The measures taken to improve the infrastructure to check pollution including data collection on pollution levels in the country include formulation/revision of emission norms for various categories of industries, which requires appropriate improvement in infrastructure to comply with these norms as well as setting up of continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations.

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